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SECRETARIAT

REF: EC BRUSSELS 1989

1. SOVIET SOURCE ACTIVELY CONCERNED WITH CEMA MATTERS RECENTLY ADVISED EMBOFF THAT SUBJECT OF CEMA-EC CONTACTS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT MEETING OF CEMA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN MOSCOW BEGINNING APRIL 10. VISIT OF CEMA DELEGATION TO BRUSSELS FOR CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSIONS ON COOPERATION WILL BE RAISED AT THAT TIME.

2. ASKED ABOUT APPARENT DIFFICULTIES IN REACHING ANY KIND OF AGREEMENT AT INITIAL EEC-CEMA EXPERTS MEETING WHICH RECENTLY TOOK PLACE IN MOSCOW, SOURCE TOOK LINE THAT THIS WAS PURELY A WORKING MEETING AND IT HAD NOT BEEN EXPECTED THAT MUCH WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED. CEMA SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS, HE SAID, HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED ONLY TO DISCUSS AGENDA FOR A FUTURE VISIT TO MOSCOW BY EC COUNCIL PRESIDENT ORTOLI. THEREFORE IT WAS HARDLY SURPRISING THAT THEY COULD NOT ENTER INTO DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS. SOURCE ALSO ALLEGED THAT THERE HAD NEVER BEEN ANY INTENTION OF DRAFTING JOINT COMMUNIQUE FOR THIS MEETING.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH SOURCE INVOLVED HAS PROVED TO BE KNOWLEDGEABLE AND HELPFUL ON CEMA DEVELOPMENTS, WE FEEL HE WAS PUSHING APPROVED, FACE-SAVING PARTY LINE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ATTEMPTS WERE DEFINITELY MADE AT MEETING TO DRAFT A JOINT COMMUNIQUE, A FEATURE WHICH SOVIETS REGARD AS ESSENTIAL RITUAL FOR ANY IMPORTANT MEETING WITH FOREIGN DELEGATIONS.
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